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SUBJ: PROPOSED ALLOCATION OF MILIARY ITEMS

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1. WE HAVE REVIEWED LIST OF EQUIPMENT PROPOSED FOR OFFER TO GOI AND APPRECIATE EFFORTS OF STATE AND DEFENSE TO COME UP WITH SUITABLE PACKAGE FOR INDONESIANS. WE BELIEVE THAT WE WHOULD PROCEED TO HAVE INDONESIA TEAM COME TO WASHINGTON FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON ITEMS AVAILABLE AND TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THESE MIGHT BE UTILIZABLE BY INDONESIANS. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT PREDICT WHAT GOI REACTION TO OUR OFFER WILL BE, WE CAN POINT OUT SEVERAL FACTORS THAT WILL PROBABLY AFFECT THEIR RESPONSE.

2. AMONG MOST IMPORTANT WILL BE EXPECTATIONS AROUSED

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BY RECENT CAMP DAVID MEETING. BECAUSE OF THEIR CONCERN

OVER COLLAPSE OF INDOCHINA, INDONESIANS HAVE BEEN EAGER TO OBTAIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE AND USABLE AT AN EARLY DATE. THEY RETURNED FROM CAMP DAVID MEETING VERY PLEASED BY WILLINGNESS OF U.S. TO MAKE AVAILABLE EQUIPMENT RECOVERED FROM INDOCHINA AND ALSO BY INDICATIONS THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR BROADER MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDS, POSSIBLY IN CONTEXT OF JOINT COMMISSION.

3. CONDITION AND COST OF EQUIPMENT WILL ALSO BE IMPORTANT. TO INDONESIANS. GIVEN THEIR BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND LIMITED OVERHAUL AND MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES, THEY WILL NO DOUBT WISH TO WEIGH VERY CAREFULLY INITIAL COST OF ITEMS OFFERED AND LIKELY EXPENSE REQUIRED TO PUT EQUIPMENT IN OPERATIONAL CONDITION. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN CAUTIONED THAT MUCH OF EQUIPMENT FROM INDOCHINA IS IN POOR CONDITION, WE DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE FOCUSED MUCH ON THIS FACTOR. ANOTHER MATTER THAT WILL AFFECT INDONESIANS' DECISION WILL BE COMPATIBILITY OF EX-INDOCHINA EQUIPMENT WITH WHAT THEY ALREADY HAVE AND THE FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF SPARE PARTS.

4. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON EQUIPMENT ITEMS LISTED REFTEL:

(A) C-123B AIRCRAFT: THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE IS NOW ACQUIRING F-27'S FOR MEDIUM AIRLIFT. THE FIRST EIGHT (8) AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND ARE PRESENTLY IN PRODUCTION. ACQUISITION OF C-123B AIRCRAFT WOULD ADD A NEW MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY PROBLEM.

(B) C-47 AIRCRAFT: THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE (IAF) IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO REDUCE THEIR ACTIVE C-47 INVENTORY FROM 29 TO 16 AIRCRAFT BY DECEMBER 1975. FURTHER REDUCTIONS WILL OCCUR AS THE NEWLY PURCHASED F-27 AIRCRAFT ARRIVE IN-COUNTRY. THE ARMY HAS A POSSIBLE INTEREST IN ACQUIRING THE C-47 FOR USE IN AIRBORNE TRAINING AND AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE AIRCRAFT, BUT COULD OBTAIN THEM AT LESS COST AS THEY BECOME SURPLUS FROM THE IAF. THE NAVY WOULD PROBABLY BE INTERESTED IN A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3).

(C) U17B AIRCRAFT: THE INDONESIAN AIR FORCE IS PLANNING TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF DIFFERENT TYPES AIRCRAFT IN ITS INVENTORY AND ACQUIRE JET/TURBO-PROP POWERED EQUIPMENT
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AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AN EQUIVALENT U17B-TYPE AIRCRAFT IS MANUFACTURED IN-COUNTRY. THE ARMY COULD BE INTERESTED IN THE U17B AIRCRAFT BUT MIGHT BE RESTRAINED BY INITIAL ACQUISITION COSTS, COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE, GROUND SUPPORT AND OTHER ITEMS ASSOCIATED WITH INTRODUCTION OF NEW TYPE AIRCRAFT.

(D) PATROL CRAFT: (SURFACE) THE INDONESIAN NAVY WOULD PROBABLY ACCEPT ONE MOTOR PATROL GUNBOAT, PGM83, AND ONE

PATROL CRAFT, PC1171, IF IN REASONABLE MATERIAL CONDITION AND WITH ASSURANCE OF AVAILABILITY OF OUT-YEAR LOGISTIC SUPPORT. WE DOUBT THEY WOULD SEE A REQUIREMENT FOR ONE FAST PATROL CRAFT, PCF ZN112 OF THE SPECIFIC CLASS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL.

(E) WHEC'S: WE KNOW THE INDONESIANS ARE VERY INTERESTED IN THIS TYPE SURFACE VESSEL. ACCEPTABILITY OF THOSE AVAILABLE AT SUBIC WOULD DEPEND UPON THE INDONESIAN ESTIMATE OF THEIR UTILITY AND SERVICEABILITY. IF NO HELP IN REHABILITATION AVAILABLE AND IF THEY CONSIDER THE REQUIREMENT FOR REPAIR AND OVERHAUL WOULD BE TOO COSTLY AND WOULD OVERTAX EXISTING SHIPYARD FACILITIES, THEY COULD DECLINE OFFER, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD NOT ELIMINATE THEIR EXPECTATION THAT WE WOULD ULTIMATELY PROVIDE FOR VESSELS.

5. IF INDONESIAN TEAM COMES TO WASHINGTON, THEY WILL ALSO PROBABLY WISH TO DISCUSS BROADER INDONESIAN MILITARY ASSISTANCE NEEDS, ALONG LINES OF SHOPPING LIST WHICH GENERAL PANGGABEAN FURNISHED TO DOD DURING HIS RECENT STAY IN WASHINGTON. IN ADDITION, AS FOLLOW-ON TO CAMP DAVID MEETING, INDONESIAN DEFENSE DEPARTMENT AND ARMED SERVICES HAVE BEEN REVIEWING THEIR NEEDS AND COMPILING A NEW LIST, WHICH GIVES THEIR PRIORITIES IN LIGHT OF RECENT LOSS OF INDOCHINA; AND THEY MAY SURFACE THIS IN TALKS IN WASHINGTON.

6. WE RECOMMEND THAT INDONESIAN TEAM BE INVITED TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EARLIER LIST AND VIETNAM/CAMBODIAN EQUIPMENT, AFTER WHICH THEY BE ENCOURAGED EXAMINE EQUIPMENT IN SUBIC BAY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO ADVISE INDONESIANS THAT U.S. IS NOW PREPARED TO RECEIVE INDO-
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ESIAN MILITARY TEAM IN WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING THAT AVAILABLE FROM INDOCHINA. WE SHOULD AT SAME TIME REMIND INDONESIANS THAT WE CONTINUE OPERATE UNDER CONGRESSIONAL LIMITATIONS, EXCEPT WHERE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED.
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